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FOR: METHODS FOR ISOLATION OF  
OSTEOCLAST PRECURSOR CELLS AND  
INDUCING THEIR DIFFERENTIATION  
INTO OSTEOCLASTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Notice to Comply mailed August 8, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Disclosure** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** appear on page 3 of this paper.

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Sequence Listing which appears after page 25 of the disclosure with the attached paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing.